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Council President Hueso, Council President Pro Tem Kevin Faulconer, Councilmember Marti Emerald and Mayor Jerry Sanders ask the State of California: Do We *Look* Like a Piggy Bank?

SAN DIEGO – Today Council President Ben Hueso was joined by City Council leaders, Mayor Jerry Sanders, San Diego residents and members of the San Diego Organizing Project, an active, faith-based community organization, to protest the State of California’s announced intention to take City of San Diego funds to help close their \$24 billion budget deficit.

“At Council this afternoon, we will formally object to the State’s intentions by considering a resolution opposing the state’s proposal to seize additional city tax funds,” said Hueso. We will also take a stand against enacting any new unfunded mandates.”

Hueso made the analogy that the State was treating the City like a piggy bank in its effort to seize City funds by taking local governments’ portion of the Highway User Tax Account (HUTA) gas tax. “The City of San Diego worked for months to close its unprecedented \$84 million budget deficit for the 2010 fiscal year,” said Hueso. “I urge the State to make the same difficult decisions we had to make.”

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